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PROTEIN AND USE THEREOF IN DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the claims:

Replace current claims 1-27 with the following new claims 28-59.

28. A T-cell epitope having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of AQIFNKPYW and AGVDNRECI.
29. A T-cell epitope, wherein said T-cell epitope is a functionally active variant of a T-cell epitope according to claim 28 with a sequence homology of at least 65% at the amino acid level.
30. A T-cell epitope, wherein said T-cell epitope is a functionally active variant of a T-cell epitope according to claim 28 with a sequence homology of at least 75% at the amino acid level.